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SUBJ: NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS FOR VENEZUELA

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED REPORT ACCORDING TO WHICH A HIGH-LEVEL GROUP OF THE JAPANESE COMPANY EITACHI IS VISITING CARACAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF HOLDING TALKS WITH CADAPE, THE GOVERNMENT UTILITY, ON VENEZUELA'S FUTURE NEEDS FOR NUCLEAR AND STEAM POWER PLANTS.
2. DURING TALKS BETWEEN EMBOFFS AND CADAPE, THE UTILITY INFORMED THAT IT ESTIMATES THAT NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS MIGHT BECOME INTERESTING TO VENEZUELA WITHIN ABOUT TEN YEARS BUT THAT SEVERAL LARGE STEAM POWER PLANTS WILL HAVE TO BE CONSTRUCTED IN INTERIM. CADAPE HAS SET UP A NUCLEAR POWER STUDY COMMITTEE TO DO SOME PRELIMINARY RESEARCH. IT BECAME OBVIOUS DURING THE CONVERSATIONS, HOWEVER, THAT CADAPE IS NOT AWARE OF THE FACT THAT ABOUT TEN YEARS ARE REQUIRED TO DESIGN AND BUILD A NUCLEAR PLANT AND THAT AT LEAST SOME PRELIMINARY DECISIONS SHOULD BE MADE NOW IF NUCLEAR PLANTS ARE TO BE IN OPERATION TEN YEARS FROM NOW.
3. JAPANESE MANUFACTURERS ARE NOT ONLY SUCCEEDING IN OBTAINING A LARGE MARKET SHARE OF WATER AND STEAM TURBINES, BUT ARE ALSO INVESTING TIME AND EFFORT IN AN EARLY ATTEMPT TO

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RESERVE THE NUCLEAR POWER PLANT MARKET FOR THEMSELVES.

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